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In response to the Office Action mailed March 24<sup>th</sup>, 2005, please amend the above application as follows:

### Specification Amendments:

### Drawing Figures

Fig. 1 is a top view of a closure for a leak-proof drinking container.

Fig. 1A is the cross-sectional view taken as indicated by section line A-A applied to Fig. 1.

Fig. 1A' is the same cross-sectional view as Fig. 1A, showing the container attached to the closure.

Fig. 1A'' is the same cross-sectional view as Fig. 1A, showing the recessed channel as part of the container.